

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and consideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group Ib, claims 7-9 and 28. Claims 1-7, 10-13 and 27-45 currently read on the elected invention group.

By the above amendments, claims 8, 9, and 14-26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 7 has been amended to be in independent form. Newly added claims 30-45 are directed to additional aspects of the present invention. Support for the new claims can be found in the instant specification at least at the following portions:

claims 30 and 38: page 11, lines 19-21, taken in connection with page 16, lines 20-24;
claims 31 and 40: page 9, lines 1-4;
claims 32 and 41: page 7, lines 17-21;
claims 33 and 42: page 7, last line to page 8, line 4;
claims 34 and 43: page 8, lines 5-7;
claims 35 and 44: page 8, lines 8-14;
claims 36 and 45: page 8, lines 15-17;
claim 37: page 7, lines 7-16, taken in connection with page 8, lines 18-21; and
claim 39: page 9, lines 6-8.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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